



Shade for Schools and Educational Facilities

Compliant Shade Sails & Structures for Queensland Schools – Smart Sun Holdings Pty Ltd

As Queenslanders, we are becoming more aware of the dangers posed by UV radiation and the steps we can take to protect our children. Local, state, and federal regulations are constantly evolving to ensure schools, early learning centres, and childcare facilities are prioritizing sun safety. With ongoing research and developments, several new guidelines now affect the use of shade sails in Queensland schools.

Shade Sails vs. Shade Structures

The Queensland Government currently allows schools and childcare facilities, in partnership with local councils, to determine the specifics of shade structures. While shade fabric may still be used as roofing material, the trend is shifting towards more permanent and freestanding structures, offering greater safety and longevity. These designs require fewer posts, eliminate the need for guy wires, and provide better shade coverage, all while reducing the risk of vandalism. Moreover, these structures are often separated from other buildings, preventing unauthorized access.

The Queensland Government is also looking at best practices from other Australian states to improve safety and design standards for shade structures. Proper design, installation, and ongoing maintenance of shade structures are crucial to ensuring they do not become additional hazards. It is essential to assess the risks posed by play equipment or adjacent structures like fences or buildings. Proper planning helps mitigate the risks of climbing and falling, and ensures children's safety outdoors.

Is Your School Using a Compliant Shade Structure?

Effective shade is one of our best defences against harmful UV rays, reducing exposure by up to 75%. Queensland, known as the skin cancer capital of the world, experiences UV levels of 3 and above year-round, increasing the risk of skin damage and skin cancer. Early education on sun safety is vital, as the first 18 years of life are the most critical period for skin cancer risk.

At Sunshine shade sails we understand the complexity to effort needed to create safe and enjoyable learning environments. Our custom shade structures can be designed to your space, providing experienced solutions while protection while meeting Queensland's regulations. We offer high-quality UVE-rated fabrics and expert installation, ensuring your school remains sun-safe and compliant. Additionally, we provide ongoing maintenance services to keep your shade structures in top condition.

Portable Shade Solutions Available

Did you know that you may qualify for a portable shade marquee if you are part of a not-for-profit organization? This includes:

- Primary or secondary schools
- Early childhood centres
- Junior sporting clubs
- Community groups working with children (up to 18 years old)

Apply now for a portable shade solution and keep your students safe from harmful UV rays.

Supporting the Smart Sun Program

Since 1999, the National SunSmart Program has recognized Queensland primary schools, OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) centres, and early childhood facilities that are leading the charge in reducing skin cancer risks. By teaching children sun safety, we help develop long-term, healthy habits that last a lifetime. As part of Smart Sun Holdings Pty Ltd, Sunshine Shades proudly supports the SunSmart program.

For more information on how your school can become a member or to learn about the Cancer Council Queensland's initiatives, please **email us** at info@sunshinешades.com.au.

Let Us Help with Your Shade Design

At Northside Shade Sails, we work in accordance with Queensland Health Guidelines to create effective and functional shade solutions. Our process focuses on:

- **Consultation:** We involve staff, parents, and students to ensure the whole school community supports the shade development.
- **Site Analysis:** We assess factors such as natural light levels in classrooms, the impact of shade on grass, rainwater collection, and pedestrian traffic flow.
- **Collaboration:** We work alongside service managers, regional facilities personnel, and architects to create a balanced and practical shade solution for your school.

Let us design a safe, functional, and aesthetically pleasing shade structure that meets all necessary guidelines while enhancing your school's outdoor environment.

Contact Us Today for a Free Consultation

For expert advice and custom shade design, reach out to us at info@sunshinешades.com.au. Together, we can keep your students safe from the sun!

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